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PATENT  
3003-1115-1

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Rodney Alan CROSS et al. Conf. 7245

Application No. 10/565,172 Group 3676

Filed January 19, 2006 Examiner A. Pickard

IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO NON-CONTACTING FACE  
SEALS AND THRUST BEARINGS

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents October 28, 2009  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Official Action mailed July 30, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.